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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SWAPO YOUTH LEAGUE LEADERS CONVICTED

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1. THREE SWAPO YOUTH LEAGUE LEADERS CHARGED UNDER SABOTAGE ACT WERE CONVICTED NOVEMBER 16 AT SWAKOPMUND AND SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS' IMPREISONMENT. PRONOUNCING SENTENCE, JUDGE-PRESIDENT OF SWA SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE F. BADENHORST, SAID: " THEY INCITED 2,000 PEOPLE TO COMMIT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND TO INJURE OR KILL PEOPLE WHO STOOD AGAINST THEM.... THE SENTENCES SHOULD TOTALLY DISCOURAGE THIS TYPE OF ACTION."

2. JUST PRIOR TO BEING SENTENCED, THE ACCUSED, JEREMIA EKANDEJA, JACOB NGHIDINUA AND MARTIN MVULA KAPAWASHA, HAD REITERATED THAT THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE COURT'S JURISDICTION, AS SOUTH AFRICA WAS ILLEGALLY IN SWA. EKANDEJA STATES: " NO MATTER WHAT THE SENTENCE IS, NO MATTER HOW LONG WE ARE SENT TO ROBBEN ISLAND, WE WILL BE BACK IN NAMIBIA EARLY NEXT YEAR. NAMIBIA WILL BE FREE NEXT YEAR."

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